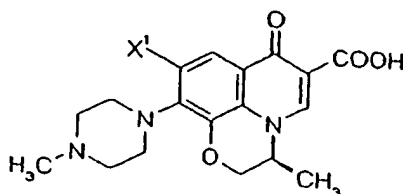


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

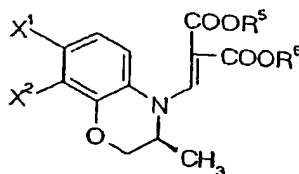
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A process for producing a compound represented by the following formula:

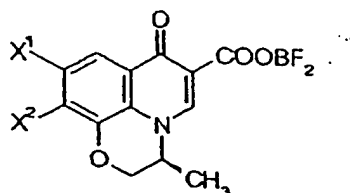


which comprises comprising obtaining a compound represented by formula (VI-a) by any of the following Processes A to J:



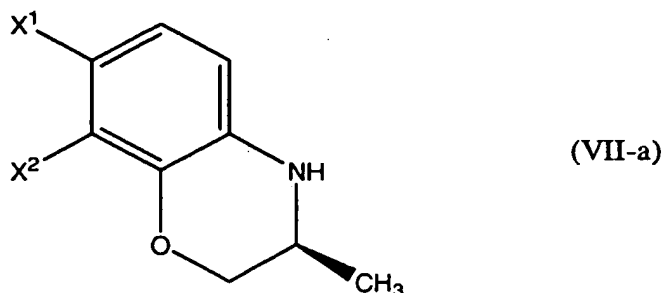
(VI-a)

treating this compound with a boron trifluoride compound to thereby convert it into a boron chelate compound represented by the following formula:

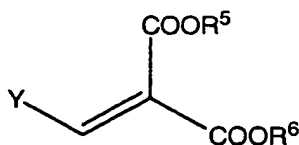


reacting this compound with 4-methylpiperazine to give a

represented by formula (VII-a):



and then reacting this compound with a compound represented by the following formula:



[[[]]] in each of the above formulae, X¹, X² and X³, each independently represents a halogen atom; R¹ represents a leaving group; R³ represents a hydrogen atom or a carboxyl-protective group; R⁴ represents a hydroxyl-protective group; R⁵ and R⁶, each independently represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms; R⁷ represents a carboxyl-protective group; and Y represents an alkoxy group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, a halogen atom or a dialkylamino group (wherein the alkyl groups may be the same or different and each represents an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms)[[]].

Note: This removes a stray bracket

2. (original): The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the process for producing the compound represented by the formula (VI-a) is Process A.

3. (original): The process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the process for producing the compound represented by the formula (VI-a)